

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

APM MANAGEMENT SERVICE'S, LLC,
et al.,

Defendants.

No. 4:22-cv-01391-JAR

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER


This matter is before the Court on Defendant Christina Lanvermeier's pro se motion to appoint counsel. ECF No. 226. For the reasons stated below, Defendant's motion will be denied.

Defendant Lanvermeier declares in her motion that, despite diligent efforts, she has not been able to obtain counsel due to her poverty. Even so, a pro se litigant does not have a constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases. *Ward v. Smith*, 721 F.3d 940, 942 (8th Cir. 2013). The Court also notes that, on May 19, 2025, the Clerk entered default against Defendant Lanvermeier for her failure to appear and respond to Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint, which was filed nearly two years ago on August 18, 2023. ECF No. 223.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is **DENIED without prejudice**. ECF No. 226. The Clerk of Court is further ordered to mail a copy of this Order to Defendant Lanvermeier's address of record.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2025.



JOHN A. ROSS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE